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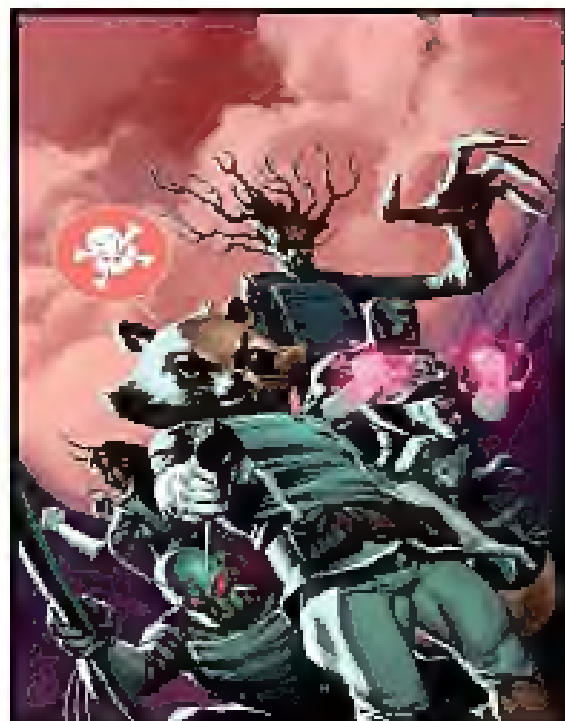
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DOCTOR STRANGE



Keith Giffen

1952 - 2023



Marvel Comics pays tribute to writer and artist Keith Giffen. The co-creator of Rocket Raccoon, Giffen wrote the *Annihilation* event series and a sequel spin-off *Annihilation: Conquest – Star-Lord*, which would pave the way for a *Guardians of the Galaxy* revival. His first published artwork appeared in “The Sword in the Star” featured in *Marvel Preview*, which included Rocket’s first appearance. He moved into more mainstream titles with *Defenders*, pencilling the infamous non-team during some of its most nontraditional storylines. Giffen had a strong body of work at DC Comics, with *Legion of Super-Heroes*, *Justice League* and his irreverent creations Ambush Bug and Lobo. Our thoughts are with his fans, family, friends and loved ones.

DOCTOR STRANGE

PREVIOUSLY...

A few years ago, Stephen Strange was enlisted by the Vishanti in the War of the Seven Spheres—a metaphysical battle against their foes, the Trinity of Ashes, that lasted five thousand years. But the war was long and cruel, and General Strange made horrific compromises to win, only to be betrayed and imprisoned by the fearful Vishanti.

Now General Strange has escaped and is building an army using the souls of children, including Clea's baby sister, Clea and Strange confronted the General, even making a deal with the Trinity of Ashes, but the General proved too cunning and powerful for even Doctor Strange.

But while the General may have an army, Doctor Strange's reinforcements have arrived: Wong and the Agents of W.A.N.D.!

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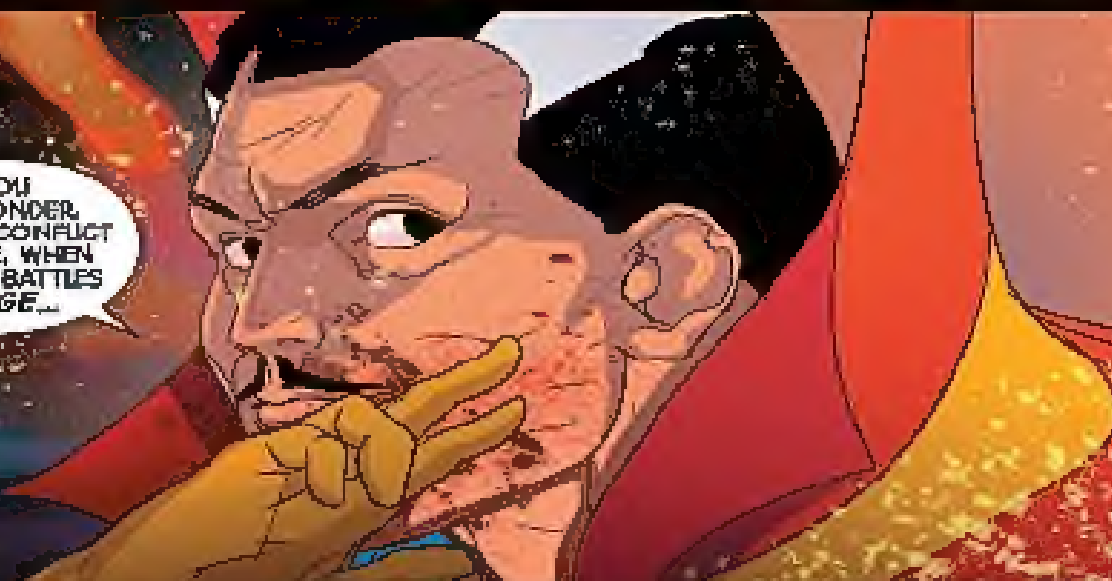
DOCTOR STRANGE CREATED BY STAN LEE & STEVE DITKO

WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF
THIS?!



REALLY,
GENERAL?

DID YOU
NEVER WONDER
IN ALL THIS CONFLICT
AND STRIFE, WHEN
STRANGE BATTLES
STRANGE...



"...WHERE EXACTLY
WONG WAS?"

DISCHARGING
HALLICINOGENATORS!

ENGAGING
PSYCHEDELITRON!

HANG
ON!

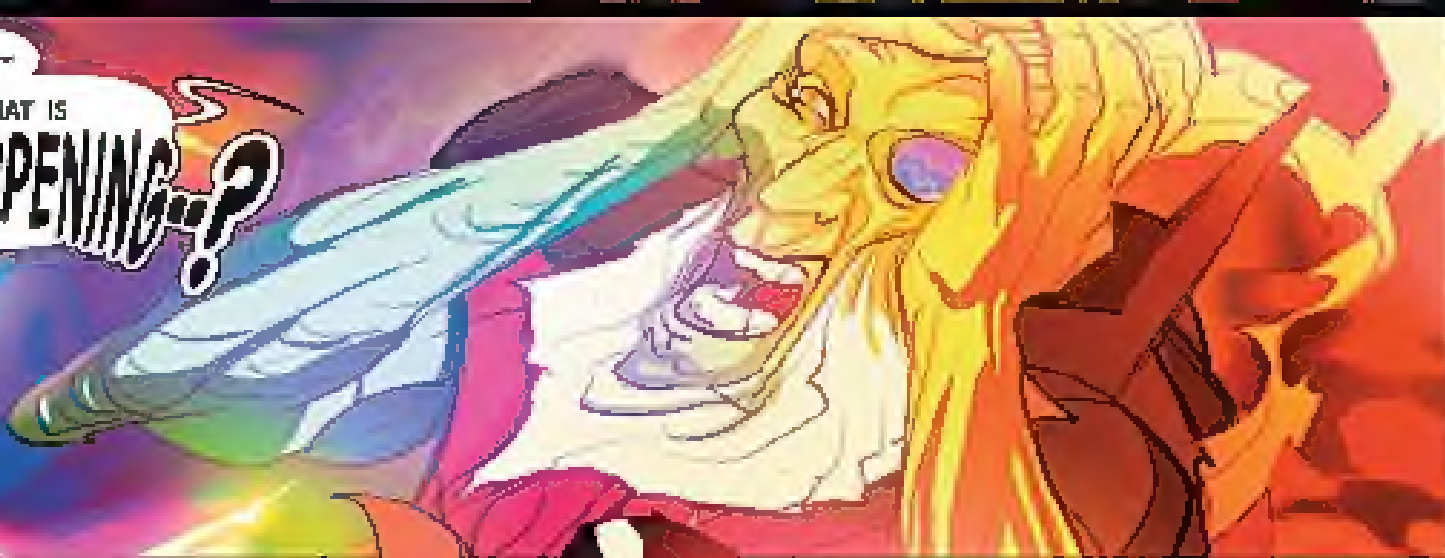




THIS
IS YOUR
TREATMENT,
GENERAL!

WHAT--

--WHAT IS
HAPPENING--?



SCARLET
SUTURES OF
CYTTORAKU

URGH.

YOU GAINED
SO MUCH POWER,
GENERAL.



SO MUCH
EXPERIENCE.



AS YOU NEVER
TIRE OF TELLING ME,
YOU GREW SO VERY
GOOD AT THE BUSINESS
OF KILLING, AFTER ALL
THOSE YEARS AT
WAR.








THE FURBY DOKTOR ZEE
IS ACTUALLY A
DOCTOR.

OR
WAS.

WHILE KNOWN
OVER THE YEARS
AS AN INFAMOUS
ALCHEMICAL
TERRORIST...

...HE BEGAN
IN THE TREATMENT OF
POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS
DISORDER IN FALKLAND
WAR VETERANS WITH
PSYCHEDELICS.

THIS
IS THAT WHIT
LARGE.



I CANNOT
DEFEAT YOU
IN BATTLE,
GENERAL.

NO ONE
CAN,

THAT IS THE
POINT OF YOU.
YOU ARE A GENERAL.
YOU KILL.

EVEN WITH
THE POWER LENT
TO ME BY THE TRINITY
OF ASHES IN MY
DESPERATION, YOU WERE
NOT BETTER ON
THE FIELD.

BUT LET ME
SHOW YOU WHERE
I AM YOUR BETTER,
GENERAL.

LET ME
SHOW YOU WHAT
YOU FORGOT.

I AM A
DOCTOR,
GENERAL.

I
HEAL.



LET US
PUT THINGS
TO RIGHT.

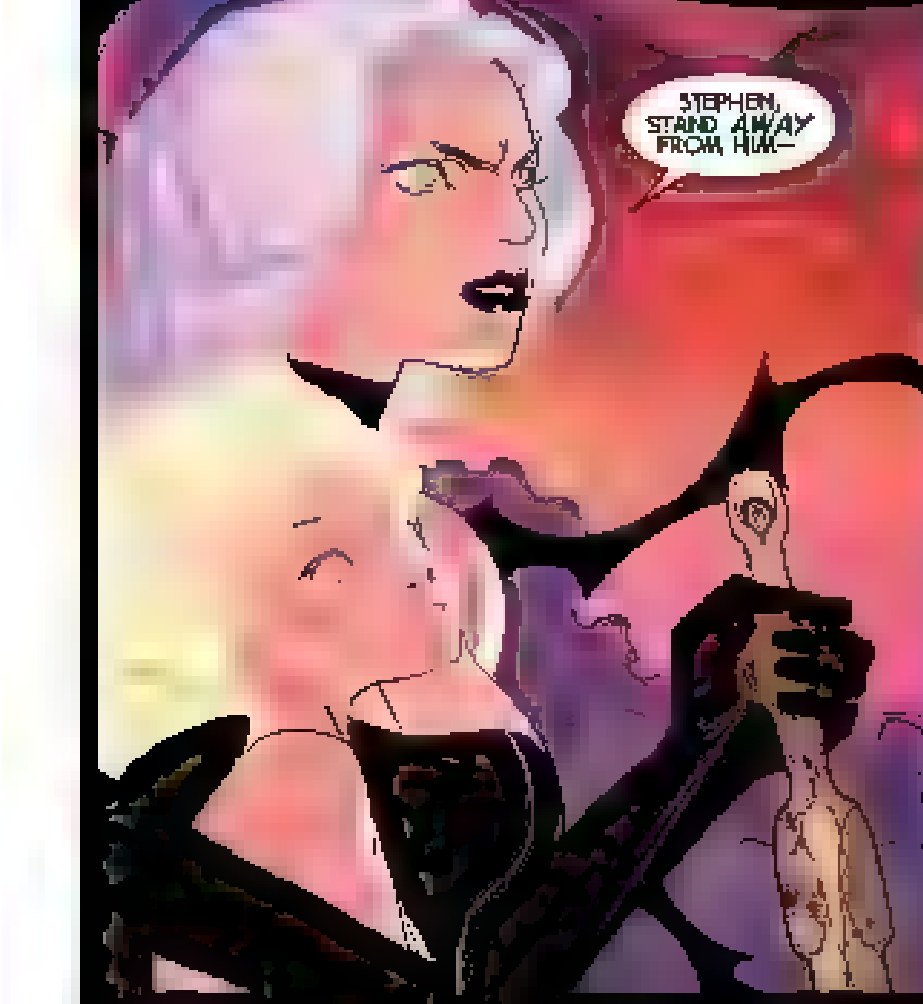


IT IS
DONE

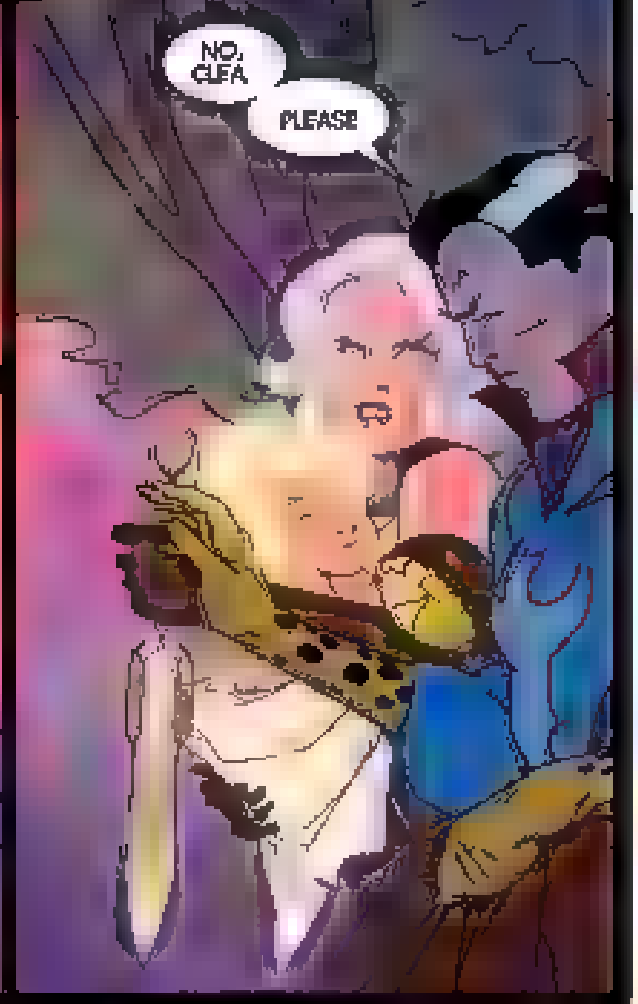
NO,

NO, NO, NO, NO,
NO.

STEPHEN!



STEPHEN,
STAND AWAY
FROM HIM—



NO,
CLEA

PLEASE

HE'S TOO
DANGEROUS,
STEPHEN!

NOT
ANYMORE,
MY LOVE

THE
THINGS I'VE
DONE...

THE
LIVES I'VE
TAKEN...

I MADE
WEAPONS OF
CHILDREN...

I HAVE
RETURNED THE
THINGS HE LOST
IN THE WAR

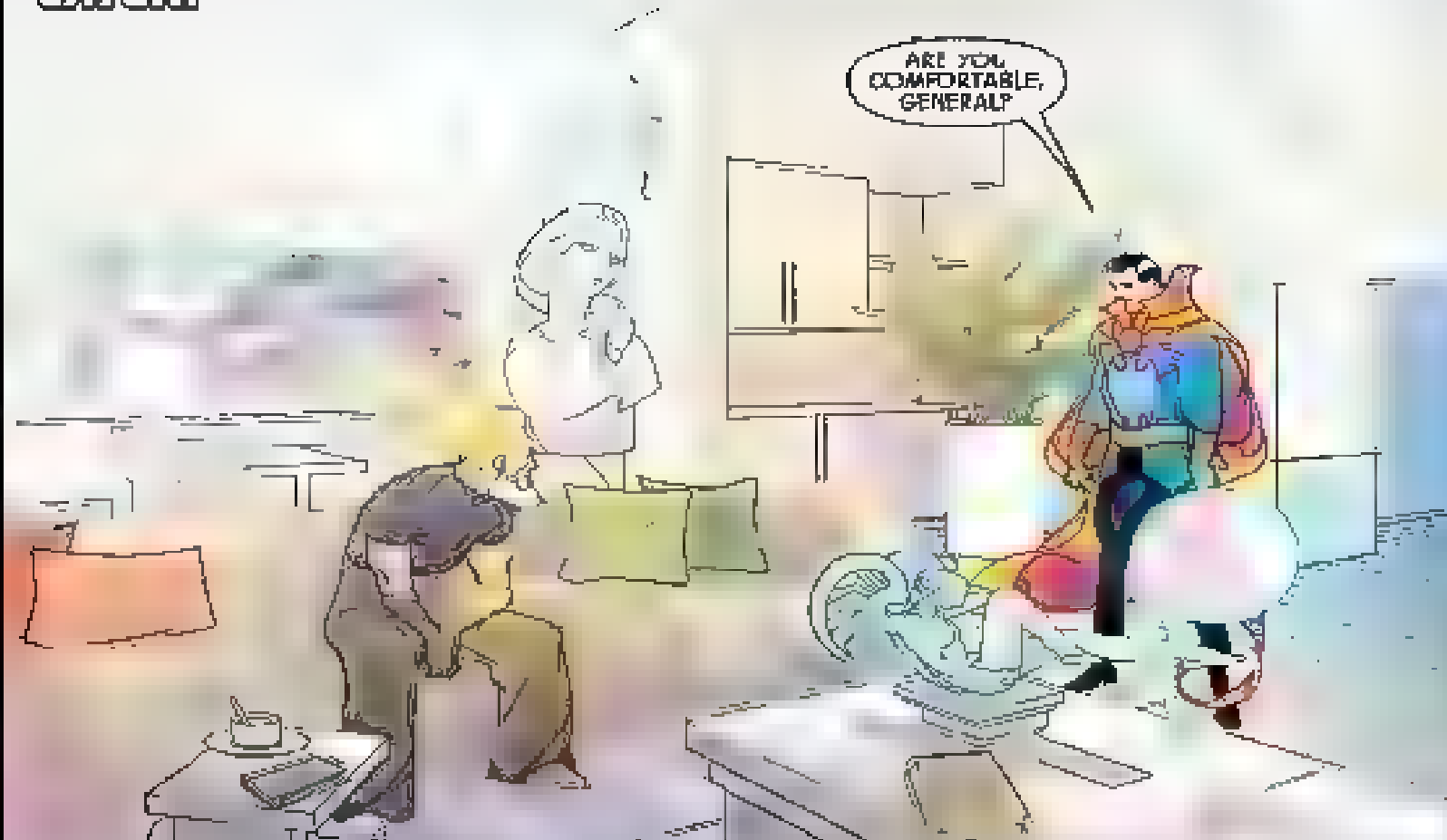
THINGS TAKEN
FROM HIM AND
THINGS HE
REMOVED.

HE
FEELS IT ALL,
CLEA

I PERFORMED
PSYCHO-
THAUMATURGIC
SURGERY UPON
HIM, CLEA.

I GRAFTED A
PORTION OF MY OWN
CONSCIENCE TO HIS SOUL
SO THAT IT MIGHT
TAKE ROOT

LATER.



THE VISHANT!
SAW THEMSELVES
AS HAVING THREE
OPTIONS,
GENERAL--

--TO
DESTROY YOU,
TO HEAL YOU, OR
TO IMPRISON
YOU.

THEY
CHOSE THE
LATTER.

I HAVE
NOT

I AM
GOING TO
HEAL YOU,
GENERAL.

I AM NOT
GOING TO GIVE UP
ON YOU, STEPHEN
STRANGE

I WILL
LEAVE YOU TO
REST, GENERAL

AND THEN
TOMORROW, WE
WILL BEGIN TO
WORK.

DOCTOR.

THOUSANDS
OF YEARS, DOCTOR
AS YOU SAID.

HOW CAN
YOU HEAL
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS OF PAIN
OF GUILT

THE SAME
WAY YOU HEAL
ANYTHING,
GENERAL.

YOU START
WITH ONE
DAY.

AND THEN
ANOTHER AND
YOU CONTINUE FOR
AS LONG AS IT
TAKES.

THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM DUNGEON LEVEL

THANK YOU
FOR WAITING,
BATS.

AW, IT'S A
LONG CLIMB,
AND DOING IT
ALONE IS
NO FUN.

BUT DO
YOU REALLY
THINK YOU CAN
FIX HIM,
DOC?

I
MUST

THE FACT
REMAINS--

--HIS
CRIMES ARE
ALSO MY
OWN.

I DON'T
THINK THAT'S
RIGHT, DOC.

YOU'RE
NOT HIM. YOU
DIDN'T DO ALL THE
THINGS HE DID.

NO
ONE'S SAYING
THAT!

AFTER THE WAR, MY
BODY WAS RESET. MY
MEMORIES TAKEN FROM
ME, MY MIND AND
SOUL REFRESHED.

BUT IT WAS
INDDED **STEPHEN
STRANGE** WHO
FOUGHT FOR THOSE
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS.

I CANNOT
SHED MY OWN
CULPABILITY NO
MATTER HOW
CONVENIENT IT
MAY BE TO
DO SO.

THAT WAS WHAT
THE VISHANTI TRIED
TO DO. TO CREATE A
SCAPEGOAT.

**GENERAL STEPHEN
STRANGE** IS A PART
OF ME, NO MATTER HOW
MUCH I MIGHT LIKE
TO DENY IT.

AND I WILL
NOT SACRIFICE HIM
TO EASE MY OWN
CONSCIENCE.

TO SEPARATE
THE GENERAL FROM
THE DOCTOR BECAUSE
THE DOCTOR HAD
USE.

THAT WORK
WILL BE LONG
AND ARDUOUS.

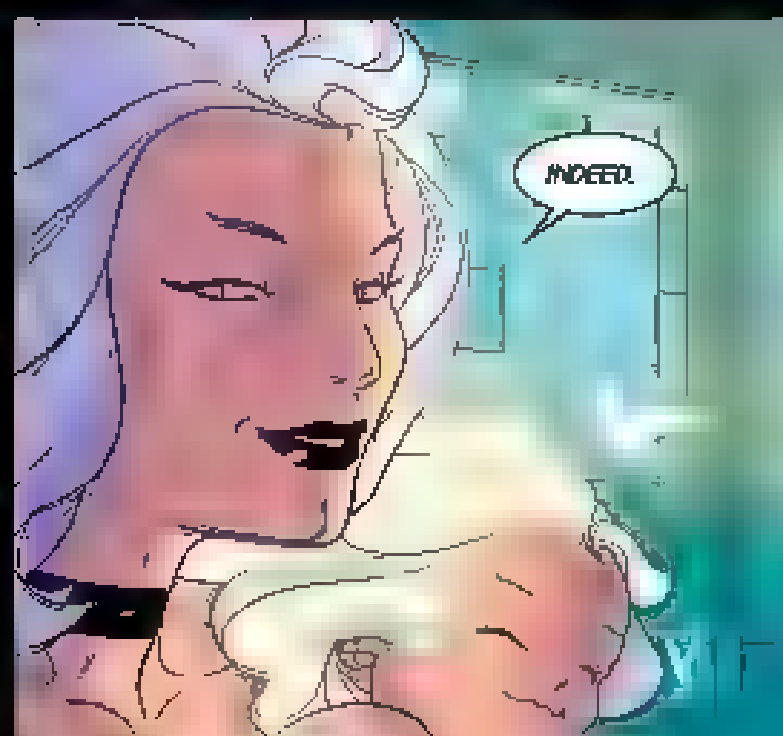
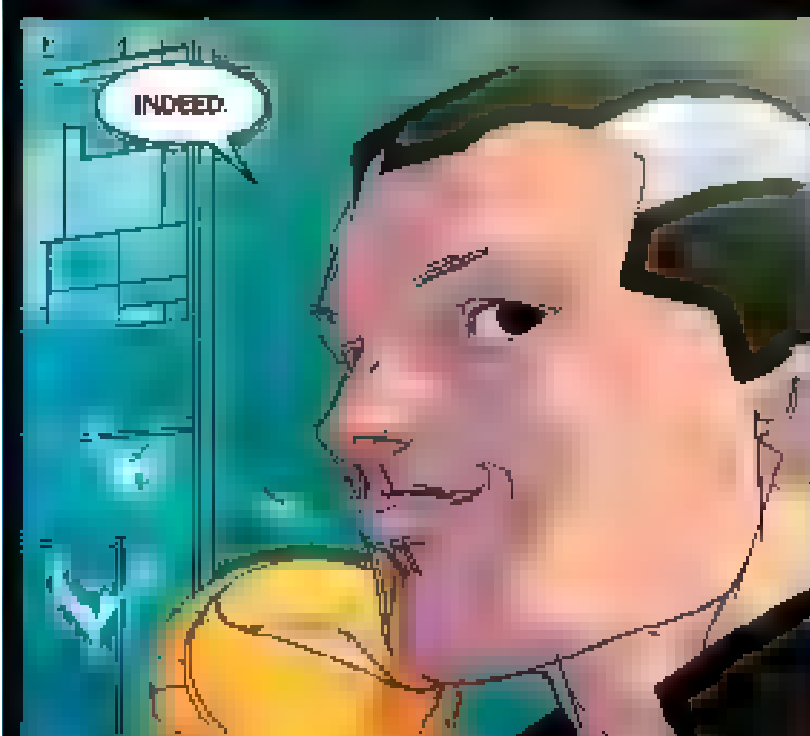
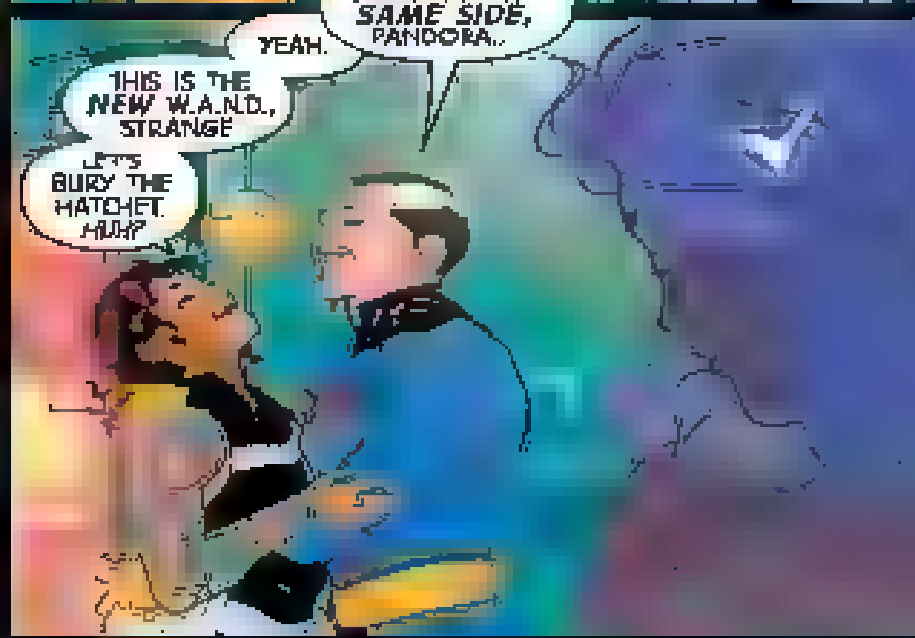
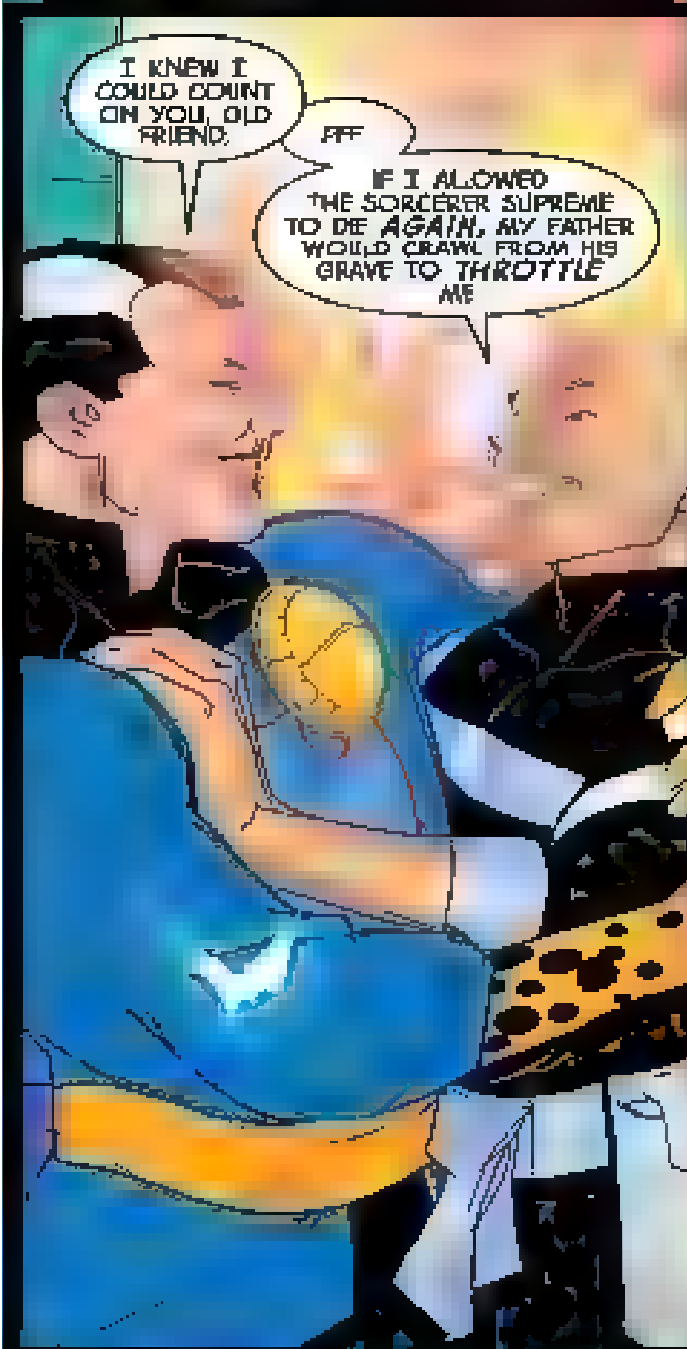
BUT IN THE
MEANTIME, WE
HAVE EMERGED
VICTORIOUS.

THE WAR OF
THE SEVEN SPHERES
REMAINS IN THE PAST.
THE ASTRAL SOULS OF
THE DREAMING
CHILDREN HAVE BEEN
RETURNED.

AND FOR
NOW.

...THAT IS
ENOUGH.







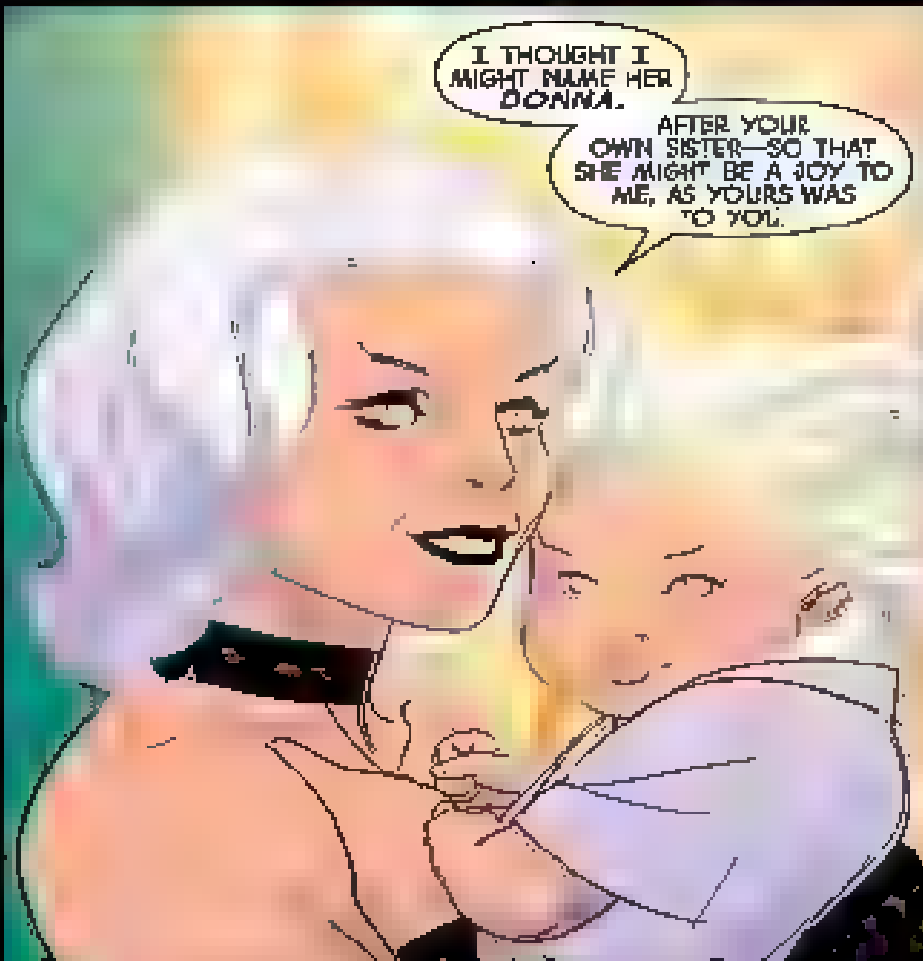
HAS LAMAR
NOT ASKED
FOR HER CHILD
BACK?

LAMAR HAS
EVER HAD LITTLE
INTEREST IN RAISING A
CHILD. AND TRUTHFULLY, THE
LESS TIME MY SISTER SPENDS
WITH HER PARENTS THE
BARLORDS, THE
BETTER.

I THOUGHT
I MIGHT NAME
HER--TO TRULY
IRRITATE OUR
MOTHER

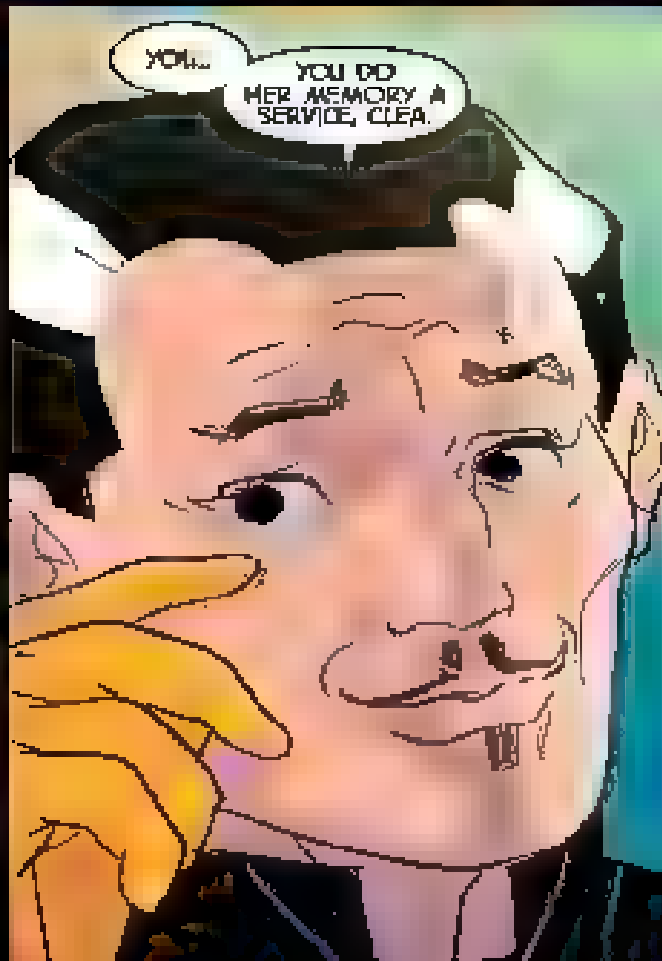


OH! AND
WHAT WILL YOU
CALL HER?



I THOUGHT I
MIGHT NAME HER
DONNA.

AFTER YOUR
OWN SISTER--SO THAT
SHE MIGHT BE A JOY TO
ME, AS YOURS WAS
TO YOU.



YOU...

YOU DO
HER MEMORY A
SERVICE, CLEA.



THERE IS
SO MUCH
PAIN IN THE
WORLD.



SO MUCH HURT
THAT IT SEEMS LIKE
WE CANNOT HELP BUT
BE DROWNED IN IT.



BUT THAT IS
WHY WE HAVE
DOCTORS.



TO TAKE
THE HURT OF
THE WORLD...



...AND
EASE IT.



THAT IS ALL
WE CAN DO.

THAT AND
HOPE THAT IT
IS ENOUGH



EPILOGUE.

AGGAMON'S MURDER.

OH, NOT THIS—

DO YOU KNOW WHY I'VE BEEN AFTER YOU FOR AGGAMON'S KILLING?

"BECAUSE I HAD AN AGENT IN AGGAMON'S PALACE."

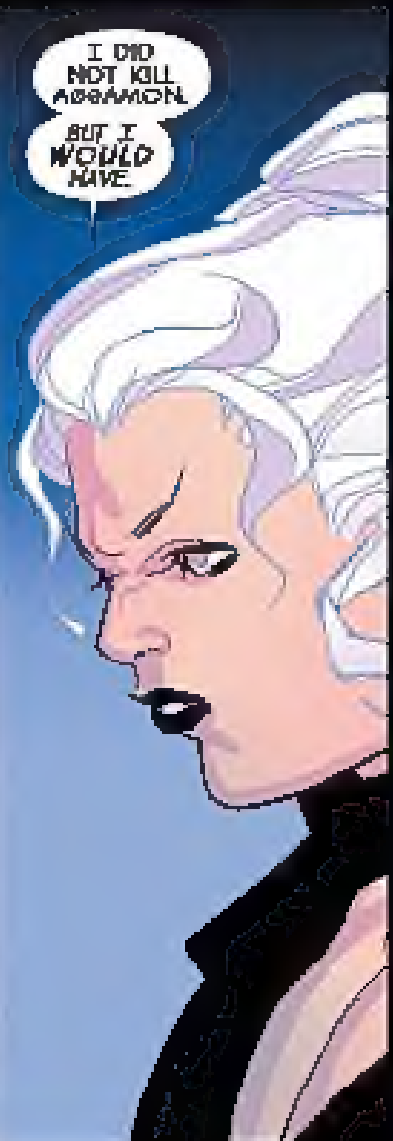
"I KNOW YOU WERE THERE."

AH


I DID NOT KILL AGGAMON. THAT WAS GENERAL STRANGE.

THEN WHY—?

ALLOW ME TO FINISH.




I DID NOT KILL AGGAMON.
BUT I WOULD HAVE.



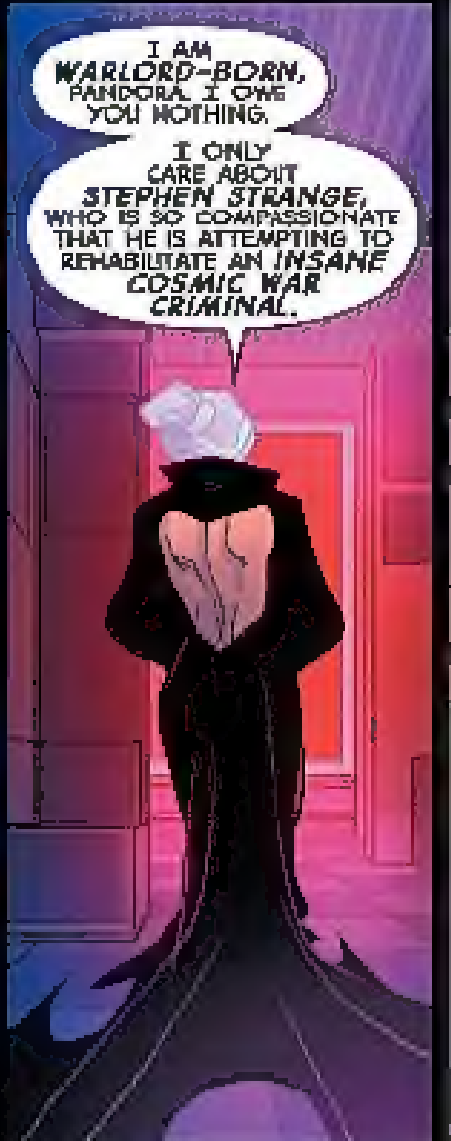
I WENT THERE WITH MURDER IN MY HEART. I HAD PREPARED MY SPELLS.

AND HAD I NOT COME TOO LATE, I WOULD HAVE KILLED AGGAMON.

BECAUSE HE DESERVED TO DIE, PANDORA.




THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT?!



I AM WARLORD-BORN, PANDORA. I OWE YOU NOTHING.

I ONLY CARE ABOUT STEPHEN STRANGE, WHO IS SO COMPASSIONATE THAT HE IS ATTEMPTING TO REHABILITATE AN INSANE COSMIC WAR CRIMINAL.



THERE ARE PARTS OF ME HE CANNOT KNOW, PANDORA, ASPECTS HE COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND.

I ONLY JUST REGAINED MY HUSBAND.

AND I WILL NOT THREATEN HIS LOVE FOR ME.

**THE END...FOR NOW.
NEXT: A NEW YEAR...
A NEW STRANGE?**

NEXT:

DOCTOR STRANGE #11



In the aftermath of the war with General Strange, Stephen and Clea must set things to rights. But what about Clea's new sister? Will they really return her to her warlord parents? Can the Stranges reckon with the legacy of the Faltine?

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